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Pay-and-Park on D.D. Urs & Ashoka Road

- MCC to call for parking tenders from private parties for the sixth time
- MCC itself to implement pay & park if no private party comes forward

Vehicles parked on D.D. Urs Road in city this morning. [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Mysuru, Dec. 3 (RK&BCT)- Get ready to pay and park your vehicles on D. Devaraja Urs Road and Ashoka Road as the Mysuru City Corporation is all set to introduce the system and take the responsibility of implementing and managing it in case no private party comes forward.

Already the MCC has called parking tender five times and there were no takers and the civic body will call the tender for the sixth time in a couple of days, probably the last chance for private firms to implement, operate and maintain the system.

The decision has been taken after the issue was raised during a meeting in city chaired by Minister for Urban Development U.T. Khader last week where the Minister had asked MCC officials to deal with parking crisis and introduce pay-and-park facility, at least on key roads.

The pay-and-park system in the Central Business District (CBD) was proposed in 2016 under Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) system but the MCC was not able to implement the same.

The first tender was called on 7.10.2016, the second on 2.2.2017, third on 14.4.2017, fourth on 11.5.2017 and the fifth tender was called on 23.6.2017.

(See PAY & PARK on page 8)

MCC owes Rs. 17 crore to Public Libraries Dept.

6% library cess collected from tax-payers since years

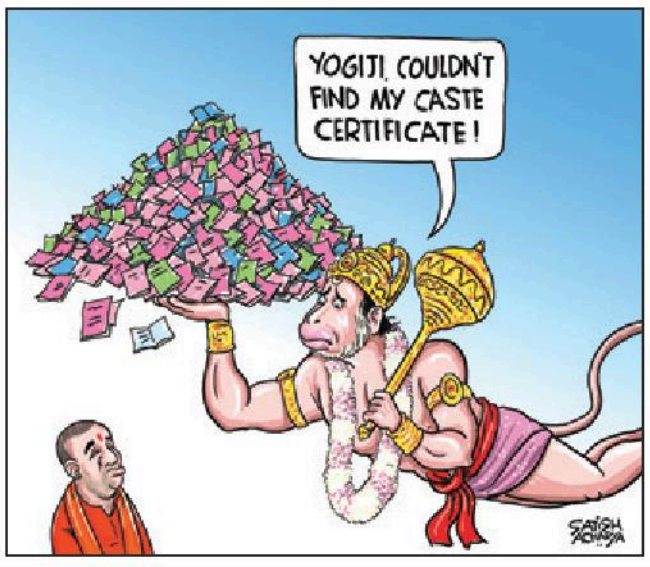
Mysuru, Dec. 3 (RKB&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) may be thinking of levying yet another cess. But one of the cesses it is already collecting — the library cess — is not being put into much use as the money is still pending in MCC coffers. The MCC owes a whopping Rs. 17 crore to the Department of Public Libraries (DPL).

While the MCC is leading the group of non-remitters of library cess, other local bodies in Mysuru district owe Rs. 60 lakh and 268 Gram Panchayats have to pay Rs. 7 crore to the DPL.

According to Karnataka Public Library Act, urban local bodies have to levy a cess of 6% on property tax, which they are then required to hand over to the DPL. **(See LIBRARIES on page 8)**

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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Women on warpath

The idiom *Marriages are made in heaven* is cited by many occasionally. Interestingly, it fits into two contrasting situations namely, when the married couples live happily ever after and also when the marriage goes on the rocks sooner than later. The government's stipulation of minimum age for girls and boys continues to be not complied with by many families even in present times. Apart from the land's other laws applicable to the event of lifetime, various sections of society have their own customs and practices, including not permitting consanguineous marriage. Inter-faith and inter-caste marriages also invite the wrath of members of some communities, leading to honour killing of mostly the bride, as reported in the media. Marriage between boys and girls of diverse cultures, such as different countries across the world, a rarity in days past, is a common happening nowadays. Further, two persons may love each other very deeply but may remain without marrying, a feature that has come to be called *live-in* relationship. The time-honoured perception of *marriage* as a landmark event in one's life has begun to get morphed owing to episodes of same-sex marriages, which are flashed by dailies as *news*.

The proportion of marriages which endure like a fairytale out of the countless weddings both in the country and other regions of the world tending to be shrinking sharply, one is prompted to raise the question: *Why some marriages last and others don't?* While love or other factors bring the two together in wedlock, the factor of incompatibility on many counts is recognised as the wrecker-in-chief.

Priority to keep the *relationship* in the face of life's ups and downs as well as frayed tempers leading to heated exchanges is emphasised by the knowledgeable elderly in society in order to prevent marriage breaking. They also prescribe the practice of *forget & forgive* to ensure cementing of the relationship, an advisory easier said than heeded. The verses chanted by the priestly fraternity in all religions do remind the two parties involved, namely the boy and the girl, about mutual faith as the foundation for the marriage to last a lifetime, preferably on *friendship* terms. The elders are known to encourage the couples to beget children before long for the two to live with team spirit.

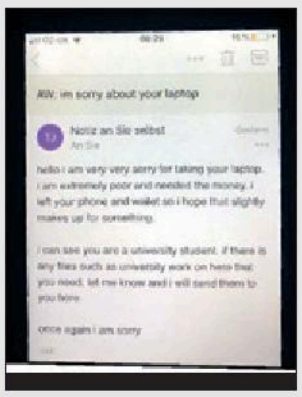
Marriages annulled by legal route and choosing separation by other means, often with undesirable consequences are different kettles of fish. In this backdrop, the matter of aggrieved party, namely women deserted by NRIs, seeking mandatory arrest of the offending party has been taken up by the Supreme Court, which has sought response from the Union Government. The related Bill against NRI men's act is likely to be tabled in the next session of Parliament. Fresh set of laws may emerge, thus bulging the book of laws in the land. The nation watches with curiosity as women have gone on warpath.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

An arranged marriage or love marriage? Which would be a better choice is often discussed by young people these days. A typical scene during the time of our parents and grandparents was where the boy came to meet the girl. It was a conglomeration of two families — fathers, mothers, both maternal and paternal uncles and aunts, grandmas and grandpas, this cousin and that. The meeting would end up being an occasion in itself with laughter, food and fun. How much the boy or girl had a say in the matter was immaterial. Eyes would meet, shy glances would be exchanged and if the couple was lucky to exchange a few words quietly, well, that would be an added bonus. Those were the days, they say. But didn't those marriages work beautifully in their own way? How nice it is to see a portrait of the same couple together after 50 long years. — *Preeti Aranha in Deccan Herald.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Thief's apology e-mail to owner after robbery


Hallo! Im very very sorry for taking your laptop.
I am extremely poor and needed the money. I left your phone and wallet so I hope that slightly makes up for something.
I can see you are a university student. If there is any files such as university work on here that you need, let me know and I will send them to you here.
once again I am sorry

Birmingham: A thief, who stole a laptop of an University student recently, has sent an apology email to the owner trying to justify the crime by claiming that he was really poor.

The apologetic email went viral on Twitter after Birmingham-resident Stevie Valentine shared a screengrab of it captioned "So my flat mates laptop got stolen today, please see what the thief sent him". The thief starts off by writing that he/she is "very, very sorry" for stealing the laptop, and then tries to justify the crime by stating that he/she is "extremely poor" and "needed the money".

The alleged laptop thief then goes on to write that he/she could have also taken the victim's phone and wallet, but chose not to. "I can see you are a university student. If there is any files on here such as university work on here that you need, let me know and I will send them to you here," the thief wrote before ending the email with "Once again I am sorry."

Frozen fish back to life in warm water

Tokyo: A fish being frozen in ice at a fish market in Japan comes back to life in a tub of warm water and the video of it has gone viral.

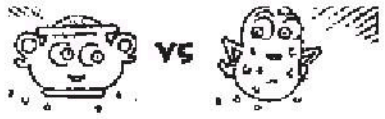
The video shows the fish being submerged in crushed ice and a thermometer indicates that the temperature is -2.10 degrees Celsius. A man than takes the fish, which looks frozen solid, and passes it to a man who then puts it into a plastic tub filled with warm water.

The video this time shows the same man grabbing the fish by its tail and trying to turn it under the stream of warm water, at which point the fish starts to move.

Gasps of amazement can be heard from the people witnessing the 'miracle', before the video shows the fish thrashing around in the warm water.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Do potatoes have a higher glycemic index than table sugar?



Bad news for potato lovers: Potatoes increase your blood sugar more than table sugar, due to their high starch content. Since the starch in potatoes is rapidly digested, they have a high glycemic index. The carbohydrates from potatoes turn into twice the glucose of table sugar.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Ph.D. Awardees

Mysuru, Dec.3- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Electronics to **M.C. Rajalakshmi** for her thesis 'Multi-level Optimisation and Efficient Power Comprehensive Scheme for Enhancing Lifetime of large Scale Wireless Sensor Network' submitted under the guidance of Dr. A.P. Gnanaprakash.

B.R. Nandini has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for her thesis 'Nanjangud Srikantashastri avara Natakagalu' [Guide: Dr. B.P. Ashakumari].

N. Shivananda has been awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology by the UoM for his thesis 'Thuruvekere Talukina Devalayagala Kale Mattu Vasthushilpa - Ondu Vivaranatmaka Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. G. Kariyappa].

H.C. Ramesha has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the UoM for his thesis 'Public Investment and Agricultural Development in India: With Special Reference to Karnataka' [Guide: Dr. K.C. Basavaraju].

H.S. Ganesh Murthy has been awarded Ph.D in Sanskrit by the UoM for his thesis 'Ramayanadalli Swamynishte - Vimarshatmaka Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. S. Shivarajappa].

The Bharathidasan University has awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science to **R. Harish** for his thesis 'A Study on Use of Open Access Journals among Faculty Members of Engineering Colleges in Mysore City' [Guide: Dr. V. Geetha].

Free eye screening held at MRC

Mysuru, Dec.3- A mega free eye screening camp was organised by MRC Eye Hospital, Siddarthanagar, recently. Over 150 patients were screened, out of which 50 patients were selected for free cataract surgery. The camp, sponsored by Pharmacist N. Raghavan of Raghulal & Co. in memory Dr. Neelakantan, was inaugurated by Rotary Mysore President Sumeeth.

Really...?

- ***Konark Sun Temple is the only UNESCO's World Heritage Site in Odisha. A heavy magnet was placed at the temple top and every two stones of the temple is sandwiched by iron plates. The idol was said to have been floating in air due to the arrangement of magnets.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

More on stray dog menace

Sir,

In support of the letters recently published in *SOM* on stray dog menace, I would also like to throw some light on a very similar situation here in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage. A pack of dogs are constantly barking throughout the night which affects everyone's sleep in the neighbourhood. It is also very disturbing to hear people and children screaming and running scared from these menacing dogs in this dimly-lit area.

I urge the authorities concerned to go on a drive and take required action before innocent people get bit. It would also be thoughtful to plan and take appropriate measures to prevent such a menace throughout our city in the future.

—Dr. Prajwal Shanker
Vijayanagar 2nd Stage
2.12.2018

MYRA student invited by Peter Drucker Society Europe

Mysuru, Dec.3-The "Peter Drucker Challenge" is an international essay contest for young managers, entrepreneurs and students organised by the Peter Drucker Society Europe (PDSE), Vienna, Austria.

It is a hugely successful annual event since 2009, held in Vienna where Peter Drucker was born and educated. This year it was held during Nov. 29 - 30 at the Imperial Palace (Hofburg).

The "Peter Drucker Challenge" is a unique essay contest to keep the human-oriented management philosophy of Peter Drucker alive in the minds of the young generation and is open to students and young professionals from around the world. The essay format is "a personal narrative essay that may be underpinned by research."

Adarsh Ramesh, now pursuing his first year Post Graduate Diploma in Management at MYRA School of Business, Mysuru, had won the second prize in the Drucker Challenge Essay Award-2014 in the Students Category for his essay titled, "A Canvas for Tomorrow's Intellectual Global Village." Adarsh had presented his essay in the conference held in Vienna in 2014.

MYRA student Adarsh with Prof. Philip Kotler, the legendary Management Guru.

This year being the 10th year of the Forum, it is themed around the topic "How to stay Human in a Robot Society." Adarsh had been invited again by the Peter Drucker Society, as one of the top performers at the Drucker Forum, to be a part of the Conference and to contribute to the discussion on how to steer the next generation of management challenges that technology pose.

GST-TDS return due date extended

Mysuru, Dec.3- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), New Delhi, in its Notification dated 29th November 2018, has extended the time limit for filing the GST-TDS Return in Form GSTR-7 for the month of October 2018, November 2018 and December 2018 to 31st January 2019, according to a press release from N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates, Mysuru.

Ex-KSOU VC Prof. Rangappa welcomes Governor's statement on Open University

Mysuru, Dec.3 (NNN)- Former Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) and University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa has welcomed the statement of Governor-Chancellor Vajubhai R. Vala regarding the recognition to KSOU.

The Governor, during his address, after the inauguration of the Convocation Hall at Muktagangothri in KSOU on Saturday last, had said, "The earlier VC had failed to maintain proper correspondence with the University Grants Commission (UGC) and hence the problem arose which led to the de-recognition of KSOU. However, due to the concentrated efforts of the current Vice-Chancellor Prof. D. Shivalingaiah, the University was able to get back its recognition."

Vajubhai R. Vala K.S. Rangappa

Prof. Rangappa has welcomed this view of the Governor and said that during his tenure of four years the Open University had not faced any problems.

"Even six months after the completion of my tenure, KSOU had recognition from UGC. But the problems began six months later. I had made this point clear several times in the past during my interaction with the media. However, this is the first time that the Governor himself has acknowledged this fact and I hope that at least from now on all those who used to unnecessarily comment on my tenure will realise that what they were criticising was far from truth," said Prof. Rangappa in a statement.

Expressing happiness over the Governor openly admiring KSOU premises and the Convocation Hall, he said it was his dream as KSOU VC to give a new direction to the Varsity. But there were several hurdles. "I never bothered about the comments of the people and gave a new shape to the University. Now that the Governor has appreciated the work, I feel satisfied," he said.

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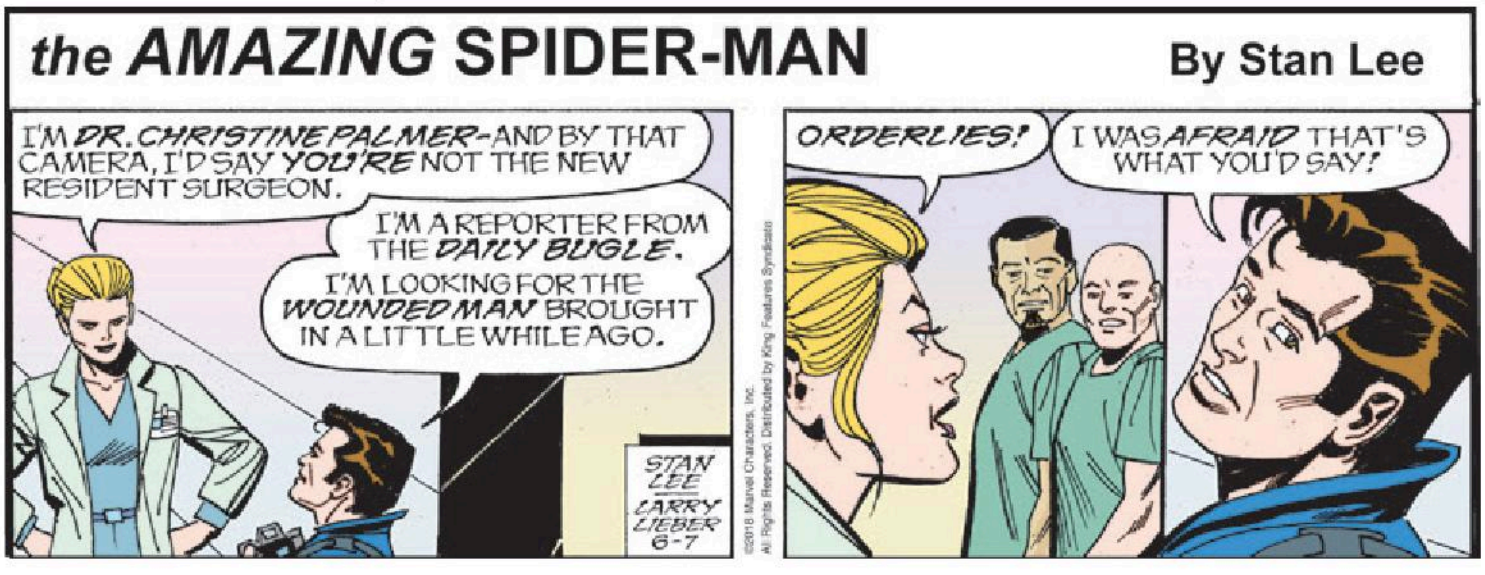
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Three of a family killed as scooter falls into canal

Mandya, Dec.3- Even as the mishap in which 30 people lost their lives when a private bus plunged into Varuna Canal at Kanaganamaradi in Pandavapura taluk on Nov.24 is still afresh in the minds of the people, three persons of a family, were killed when the scooter they were travelling, fell into a canal near Lokasara in Mandya taluk late on Sunday evening.

Nagamma

Ambika

Manyata

The deceased have been identified as Nagamma (55), her daughter Ambika (33) and granddaughter Manyata (6), residents of Lokasara.

Ambika had performed house-warming ceremony of her newly built house only on Friday and the three went to a nearby temple on Sunday to perform puja.

After performing the puja, Nagamma, Ambika and Manyata were returning to their home on the scooter, when the two-wheeler went out of control and plunged into Varuna Canal. As a result, all the three drowned.

The villagers, who rushed to their rescue, pulled out Ambika and Nagamma from the water in an unconscious state and rushed them to MIMS Hospital, where they died minutes later. However, 6-year-old Manyata was washed away in the flowing water and her body was found near Sabbanahalli, it is learnt.

Mandya Rural Police have registered a case in this regard.

NEWS BRIEFS

Launch of audio and trailer

Kiran Creations, Mysuru, has organised a programme at Kalamandira today (Dec.3) at 6 pm for the launch of 'Muthammana Kanasu' audio and trailer. Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce President Chinne Gowda, Standing Committee's B.M. Harish, MP Pratap Simha, Minister G.T. Devegowda, MLAs S.A. Ramdas & L. Nagendra, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Dy. Mayor Shafi Ahmed, social worker H.V. Rajeev will be the chief guests.

Flute recital and vocal concert

Keshav Chandra Vid. Abhishek Raghuram

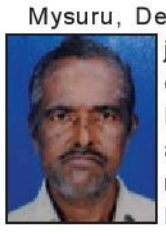
Keshav Chandra will present a flute recital at Navajyothi auditorium in JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, today at 5 pm as part of the ongoing 25th JSS Sangeetha Sammelana organised by JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust, Mysuru. He will be accompanied by M. Keshav (Violin) and Nandan Kashyap (Mridanga). Vid. Abhishek Raghuram, accompanied by Vid. Avanishwaram Vinu (Violin), Vid. Arjun Kumar (Mridanga) and Vid. Guru Prasanna (Kanjira), will present a vocal concert at 6.30 pm.

Musical Nite this evening

A Musical Nite programme by Sahil Melodies has been organised at Jaganmohan Palace today (Dec.3) at 5.30 pm to pay tributes to singer Mohammed Aziz, actor Ambarish and senior Congress leader C.K. Jaffer Sharief, who passed away recently. Junior Md. Rafi from Hyderabad will sing old melodies of legendary singer late Mohammed Rafi. Entry is free.

Obituary

Basavaraju



Mysuru, Dec.3- Basavaraju (70), a retired employee of Silk Department and a resident of Hanumanthanagar, Bannimantap in city, passed away on Sunday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Prema, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva burial ground in Vidyaranyapuram this morning, according to family sources.

Pillion rider killed as car rams into bike

Mysuru, Dec.3 (MTY&KS)- A pillion rider, who suffered serious injuries died at a hospital while the rider is undergoing treatment when a car rammed into the bike they were riding at Manandavadi Ring Road junction on Saturday evening.

The deceased is Rudrappa (55), a resident of Kanchumalli village in H.D. Kote taluk. The injured is 39-year-old Nandish, brother-in-law of Rudrappa.

On Saturday evening, Rudrappa and Nandish were proceeding on the bike from H.D. Kote towards Mysuru and when they approached the Ring Road junction, a car coming from Dattagalli side rammed into the bike resulting in both Rudrappa and Nandish falling on the road and suffering injuries.

Though the public rushed both of them to a hospital, Rudrappa succumbed to injuries at the hospital, while Nandish is recovering, according to Police. A case has been registered at K.R. Traffic Police Station in this regard.

Man arrested for stealing van

Rs.2 lakh worth vehicle recovered

Mysuru, Dec.3 (KS)- Narasimharaja (NR) Police, on Dec.1, have taken into custody a person who was trying to sell a Maruti Omni van without registration number plate at a throwaway price near Columbia Asia Hospital on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

On interrogating him, the accused is said to have confessed of stealing the van using duplicate key at Channarayapatna following which the Cops arrested him and recovered the van worth about Rs.2 lakh.

The accused is Rahil Ahmed, a resident of Vidyanagar in Channarayapatna of Hassan district.

DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe and NR Sub-Division ACP Gopal supervised NR Inspector B. Basavaraju, SI N. Mohan and staff Ramesh, Manjunath, Mahadeva, Krishna and Ramesh in the nabbing and recovery operation, according to a press release from the Public Relations Officer (PRO), City Police Commissioner's office.

Three construction workers go missing

Mysuru, Dec.3- Three construction workers from the taluk have gone missing since Nov.27.

Shankarappa (55), Chinnaswamy (48) and Somachari (38) of Lalithadripura village are the trio who have gone missing.

The three, who left Bhugathagalli Gate on a motorcycle on the morning of Nov.27, saying that were going for work, have not returned to their homes, according to a complaint lodged by contractor Basavaraju of Lalithadripura at Mysuru South Police Station.

Anyone coming across any clues about the said missing persons, can contact Mysuru South Police on Ph: 0821-2444955 or Mob: 94808-05045.

Accident victim succumbs to injuries at hospital

Mysuru, Dec.3 (MTY&KS)- An elderly man, who had suffered serious injuries when a mini van rammed into him while he was crossing the road on Oct.3 near Jaganmohan Palace and was undergoing treatment at a private hospital, passed away on Dec.1.

The deceased is Murugan (72), a resident of Nachanahalli Palya in the taluk.

After Murugan suffered serious injuries in the mishap, he was admitted to a private hospital where he underwent treatment for 15 days and was later shifted to NIMHANS in Bengaluru. But on Saturday, Murugan suffered from low blood pressure and despite efforts by the doctors, it could not be controlled. The doctors then told the family members to shift Murugan to Mysuru.

The family members then brought Murugan to Mysuru and got him admitted to a private hospital but he breathed his last on Dec.1 night, according to the Police. Murugan's son Srinivas has lodged a complaint against the mini-van driver and Devaraja Traffic Police, who have registered a case and are investigating.

Public catch chain-snatcher

Beat him black and blue before handing him over to Police

Mysuru, Dec.3 (MTY&KS)- A person, who allegedly snatched a chain of a girl and tried to flee was caught by the public, who thrashed him before handing him over to the Police on Saturday.

The chain-snatcher, who was caught by the public, is 35-year-old Krishnakumar, a resident of Chinnagirikoppal near Jayanagar here.

On Saturday morning, G.C. Divya, a resident of Aishwarya Nagar in Kuvempunagar N-Block, was walking on the road next to Mahadeshwara Temple, when the accused, who came on a TVS moped from the opposite side, snatched the gold chain weighing about 15 grams and tried to flee.

Meanwhile, Aishwarya screamed for help which attracted the public.

The public then chased the accused and managed to catch him. They then beat him black and blue and handed him along with the moped to the Police.

Based on a complaint by Divya, Ashokapuram Police have registered a case in this regard.

Trader killed as goods vehicle hits scooter

Mysuru, Dec.3 (MTY&KS)- A trader from Kudalakuppe village in Srirangapatna taluk, died of injuries after a goods vehicle hit him on Sayyaji Rao Road in city on Dec.1.

The deceased trader is K.N. Kumar. On Dec.1 at about 12 noon, Kumar, who had come to city on work, was proceeding on his scooter near the MCC office on Sayyaji Rao Road when the goods vehicle rammed into his scooter from behind resulting in Kumar falling on the road and the goods vehicle running over him.

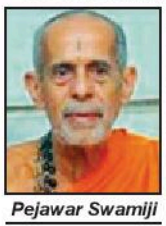
Though he was rushed to a private hospital, Kumar breathed his last after failing to respond to the treatment, according to the Police.

K.R. Traffic Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

VHP ups the ante against Centre over Ram Temple

• Pejawar Seer calls cadres to get ready for hunger strike

• Janagraha rallies held in Bengaluru, Udupi and Bagalkot



Pejawar Swamiji

Bengaluru, Dec. 3 (UNI) Leaders of VHP (Vishwa Hindu Parishad) and other right-wing organisations announced that they will not rest until they succeed in building the Lord Ram Temple in Ayodhya. They have asked the BJP government at the Centre to bring an Ordinance to build the temple as aspired by 'every Hindu' after the Courts had delayed the wish of the major community.

At the Janagraha rally organised by the VHP at National College Grounds in Bengaluru yesterday, a number of religious heads participated besides office-bearers of organisations including RSS. Similar rallies for the Temple were held yesterday at Udupi and Bagalkot.

Speaking at the event held in Bengaluru, Pejawar Mutt seer Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji threatened to undertake a fast if the government did not pave the way for building Ram Temple in Ayodhya, by bringing an Ordinance. "Building Ram Mandir is a national duty and a matter of pride for all Hindus. We will not stop until we realise our goal," he said.

The pontiff called upon fellow seers and heads of religious institutions to fix a date to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to press for a law for construction of the temple. "The time has come to question Modi. I know he will oblige if we all meet him in a delegation. If he doesn't, then we all will have to go on a hunger strike," he said, describing the Apex Court's decision to defer the Ram Mandir case to January 2019 as "an insult to Hindus and Lord Ram".

The 88-year-old seer also expressed concern over the delay in construction of the temple. "I am increasingly getting the feeling that I will not see the temple being constructed in my lifetime," the seer said.

However he reiterated that the temple should be built with everyone's consent and the movement should not be given a communal colour.

Calling upon Muslims to cooperate with Hindus on the issue, he said: "It is a golden opportunity for Muslims. You have nothing to lose if you give away disputed land for the temple."

VHP Secretary Milind Parande regretted the delay by the Courts over the matter of Ram Temple in Ayodhya and said if Narendra Modi Government did not make a decisive move, ''it will lose its faith among the Hindus''.

Meanwhile, BJP National General Secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya has said that his party was not thinking of bringing an ordinance "as of now" for construction of the Ram temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya.

He, however, asserted that it was only the BJP that could construct the Ram Temple at Ayodhya as "no one else has the guts" to do it.

At the rally in Udupi, Paryaya Seer Vidyadheesha Theertha Swamiji said that there was a demand for the Ram Temple nationwide.

Infosys Foundation to help restore Melukote Kalyanis, monuments

Melukote, Dec. 3 (OSR)- Infosys Foundation will contribute for the restoration of historical monuments at Melukote of Pandavapura taluk in Mandya district. Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty said that the Foundation, in association with the State Government, would initiate measures to give a facelift to the monuments in Melukote, without affecting their original form.

Melukote, one among the many historical pilgrimage centres in Karnataka, has over 100 archaeologically significant monuments such as ponds, 'kalyanis' (step ponds), temples, mantaps, and other structures. Many are on the verge of collapse or have been overrun by weeds.

Sudha Murty yesterday visited Melukote and visited various spots that have religious and tourism significance. She visited the Kalyani complex, Bhuvaneshwari Mantap, Ekashila Ganapa, the canal that brings water to the Kalyani and Akka-Thangi Kola and expressed her unhappiness over poor maintenance.

She later held a meeting regarding the development of this pilgrimage centre. The meeting was attended by Mandya District Minister C.S. Puttaraju, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, Mandya Deputy Commissioner N. Manjushree and officials from various departments.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Sudha Murty said, "Melukote has a history of thousands of years and it is our responsibility to protect and maintain the monuments constructed by the Hoysala Kings, Vijayanagar and the Wadiyars of Mysore. Apart from the temple pond, there are 107 ponds and 78 Mantaps in the temple town and these ponds will be developed without affecting their heritage value," she said.

"During the inauguration of Dasara 2018, I have discussed this with Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on the development of Melukote by the Infosys Foundation and the CM has assured all kind of support. Discussions will be held with historians, archaeologists and scientists before making an agreement with the government. Existing buildings will be given a new look," she added.

Minister Puttaraju welcomed the initiative of Infosys Foundation and said that a project report has been submitted to the government to restore and rejuvenate Kalyanis at Melukote at an estimated cost of Rs. 32 crore.

Interestingly, in July 2015, an integrated development plan to develop Melukote at a cost of Rs. 500 crore was prepared and submitted to the State government. That project is, however, still in a limbo.

Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh said that the process was on to constitute Melukote Development Authority. A proposal for Rs. 32 crore has already been submitted to the government for the development work that includes rejuvenation of over 108 Kalyanis. The support extended by the Infosys Foundation will help in overall development, he said.

We were pained by disaster in Kodagu: Sudha Murty

On the relief package of Rs. 25 crore announced by Infosys Foundation for the flood victims of Kodagu, Sudha Murty said that she was pained to see the sufferings of flood-hit people. "The State Government had not asked the Foundation for contribution and it was a voluntary gesture from our side. We have already reserved the money and we will build houses for the victims," she said.

"The Foundation will sanction Rs. 25 crore to rehabilitate the flood-affected in Kodagu. It is not possible for us to identify the victims. The construction of houses will begin the very next day when the government identifies the victims and the land," she added.

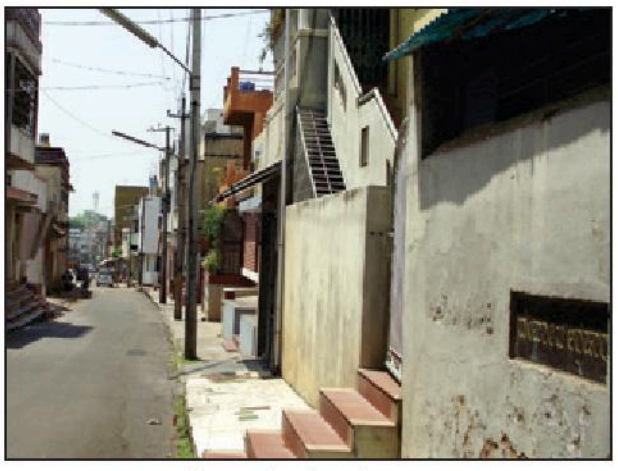
Mysuru: A Look at its Past...

By Gouri Satya, Sr.Journalist

Mohallas, Agraharas & Keris

Sunnadakeri

Veene Seshanna Road



Devamba Agrahara

The old city of Mysore was famous for its *Keris*, Agraharas and Mohallas. The *Keris* and Agraharas were built by the Maharajas, chiefly during the reign of Krishnaraja Wadiyar III. The Mohallas comprised *Keris* and Agraharas. Nazarbad, Lashkar, Mandi Mohallas on the Northern side and the Fort Mohalla or *Khille Mohalla* on the opposite Southern side of the old Fort existed even prior to Krishnaraja Wadiyar III, though they were not parts of Mysuru city. The city, as such, was within the Fort walls. This Fort no longer exists and the present one stands in its place.

As known well, Nazarbad Mohalla was formed by Tipu Sultan, with an intention to build a new city, alternative to Mysore. It was built on *Basavana Thittu,* **a high ground, by around 1799. The small Fort was named** *Nazarbad***. But, he could not complete its construction. A portion of the Nazarbad Fort still exists on the Mysore-Bangalore Road, near the Mysore Central Jail.** When the capital was moved to Mysore, after Tipu's death and the fall of Srirangapatna to the British Army, the Wadiyar's family too was shifted to Mysore and they were accommodated in a small bungalow temporarily built in Nazarbad. The Dasara procession of Krishnaraja Wadiyar III, starting from the then Palace in Mysore City, was reaching the Maharaja's Bungalow at Nazarbad where a *Raja Sabha* (Durbar) was being held in the *Chandra Shala* Hall in that house, before the procession returning back to the Palace.

***Lashkar* means military. Lashkar Mohalla was the cantonment near Mysore during the period of Hyder Ali Khan and Tipu Sultan. They had stationed an army unit there.**

Mandi, **as we all understand, is an area where trading takes place.** Trading of food grains and other produces, brought by villagers from their villages where they cultivated them, chiefly in the fertile area of the river Cauvery, took place in this *Pete* or Market. The *Pete* was very congested. Bullock carts, which brought food grains, were parked in this place, making it more congested. **Subsequently, this *Pete* came to be known as Mandi Mohalla,** when it came within the limits of the city.

The Fort Mohalla was known as *Khille* **Mohalla.** *Khille* **means fort.** As it was closer to the Fort, it was called Fort Mohalla. In this area, *Khilledars* were stationed and also the Palace elephants. The stationing of the elephants continued for a long period, almost until the early 1960s. **The road, which is named now as Ramanuja Road, was known as** *Anekaroti Beedi* **then.** *Karoti* is a corrupt word for *Karuhatti,* meaning elephant stables.

C. Hayavadana Rao writes in Mysore Gazetteer, "The present Hale-Agrahar, the Fort, *Dodda Pete* (present Ashoka Road), and Lashkar Mohalla mainly constituted the limits of old town of Mysore in the early days of the 19th century. Some very fine additions still extant, in the shape of eastern and western wings, owe their origin to the days of the rule of His Highness the late Maharaja Sri Krishnaraja Wodeyar III."

He further writes, "The City is divided into the following seven Mohallas for the purpose of Municipal administration: Fort, Lashkar, Devaraj, Krishnaraj, Mandi, Chamaraj and Nazarbad." This was in 1924. [These Mohallas still continue to remain both on CMC records and in popular use].

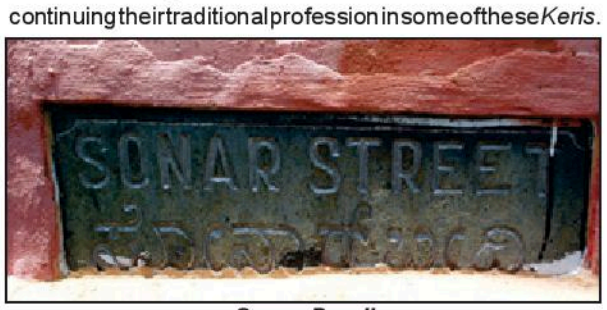
Subsequently, when more than 7,497 insanitary houses were removed and wide roads and conservancy lanes were formed, the city was further expanded on modern lines to provide house sites for the displaced population. **The new extensions formed for the purpose were Chamundi Extension, Narasimharaj Mohalla, Vani Vilasa Mohalla, New Lakshmipuram Extension and New Idga Extension.**

Similarly, there are many old 'Agraharas', some built during the period of Krishnaraja Wadiyar III. **The Agraharas were built to accommodate Brahmin scholars and priests, many of whom were associated with the Palace, the Maharaja's Sanskrit College and temples.** Those who migrated from Srirangapatna were also provided with houses in these Agraharas. The rulers had provided houses to musicians also who were associated with the Palace. That is how we have the Veene Seshanna Road, named after the famous veena maestro and Veene Shamanna Road, another famous veena artiste. Construction of these Agraharas was to decongest the place within the Fort walls. For example, when plague occurred in 1905, Veene Seshanna moved out of the Fort to *Hasuvina Kauhatti* in Old Agrahara. By 1911-12, all the houses were cleared within the Fort, those living there accommodated outside in Agraharas and *Purams*.

The *Keris* were for the working class. Those associated with different professions lived in these *Keris*. Some of these *Keris* were small villages, with villagers who had specialised in a particular job. The very names of these *Keris* indicate people of a particular profession residing there.

To name a few of the *Keris*, we have *Hale Bandikeri* (where bullock carts were parked), *Agasa Keri* (where washermen lived), *Gollageri* (where cattlemen lived), *Sunnada Keri* (where people selling lime-stones for white-washing lived), *Kanchugarara Beedi* (where metal vessel makers lived), *Medarakeri* (where bamboo weavers lived), *Kamatageri* (where Kamatis lived), *Kumbarageri* (where earthern pot-makers lived), *Halladakeri, Okkalageri* (where Vokkaligas or farm men lived), *Budududuke Keri* (where men who went round seeking alms playing *budududuke* (a small drum-like instrument lived), *Garadikeri* (where wrestlers lived), etc.

It is interesting that even now there are one or two families continuing their traditional profession in some of these *Keris*.



Sonar Beedi

Similarly, there are *Beedis* indicating the streets where lived those who followed a particular profession like *Chinivarara Beedi, Gangadikarara Beedi, Ganigara Beedi, Sonar Beedi, Chavadi Beedi, Hullina Beedi,* etc. Here too one can find a family or two continuing to practice their traditional profession like in Sonar Beedi, where one or two goldsmith families live.

The names of Mohallas, *Keris* and streets have their own history to tell, but that is for another occasion ▪

Kathwadipura Agrahara

Nazarbad Jatti Rasthe

Okkalageri

Disgraceful to see artistes applying for State Awards: Dr. K. Vageesh

Art patron, achievers feted at JSS Sangeethotsava

***Art patron Madhuri Thathachari** (sitting second from right) **of Bhramara Trust was conferred 'Sangeetha Sevanidhi' Award and senior artistes Vidwan Narayana Iyengar (vocal), Vidwan K.U. Raghavendra Rao (flute) and Vidwan M. Lakshman (Nadaswara) were felicitated at the Sangeetha Sammelana organised by JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust and Kannada and Culture Department at Navajyothi Auditorium of JSS Women's College in Saraswathipuram yesterday. Others seen are Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty, chief guest Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Sammelana President Dr. K. Vageesh, Trust President K.V. Murthy and Secretary Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao.** [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]*

Mysuru, Dec.3 (SPN&NNN)- The current situation where the artiste has to himself or herself apply for an award to the Government is really a sad state of affairs, said JSS Sangeetha Sammelana President Vidwan Dr. K. Vageesh. He was speaking at the five-day 25th JSS Sangeetha Sammelana organised by JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust and Kannada and Culture Department at JSS Women's College auditorium in Saraswathipuram, here yesterday.

Instead of the State Government inviting applications from the artistes, it should itself identify deserving persons and give the awards. The fact that the Government is calling for application is an insult to the artiste, he said expressing his dissatisfaction.

The music field has progressed a lot in the current age and it continues to grow. For any art form to grow, new experiments, thinking and ideas are important. It is the responsibility of the artistes to keep the youth and the audience in mind and satisfy them, he said.

As the youth are into social media, they need to use this form to develop music. Since the schools and colleges are encouraging the students to take up music, they have the possibilities of shaping their future in this field. The responsibility lies with the scholars of music, audience and the students to maintain the purity of classical music, felt the Sammelana President Dr. Vageesh.

It is a heartening sign to see the parents encourage their children to take up music education. However, what is of concern is to watch them concentrating only on sending their wards to competitions. Hence, along with music education, it is important for the parents and the teachers to inculcate values and culture in the children, he said.

'*Sangeetha Sevanidhi*' award was presented to art patron Madhuri Thathachari while achievers Vid. Narayana Iyengar (vocal), Vid. K.U. Raghavendra Rao (flute) and Vid. M. Lakshman (Nadaswara) were also felicitated. Later, Dr. Vageesh presented a vocal recital along with B.K. Raghu on violin, B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Narayanamurthy on ghata.

Mysureans have preserved culture and art

Mysuru, Dec.3-The Maharajas of Mysore have planted the seeds of culture, art, painting, dance and other art forms. Including the Seers of Suttur Mutt, the people of Mysuru have carefully nurtured this lineage which is really something to be proud of, said Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty, who inaugurated the JSS Music Fest.

The people have not only protected this culture but also have spread it to other parts of the country and abroad. When we travel outside and when the people there say that they listen to Karnatak and Hindustani classical music, our heart swells and this feeling has also been experienced by me, she said.

If today we are speaking pure Kannada then it is not wrong to say that it is due to the contribution of Mysore rulers. Since I am in the literary field, I do not have much knowledge about music. But I have an ear to listen to it. However, since there is direct connect between literature and music, it gives peace of mind when one listens to music, felt Sudha Murty.

In Mysuru region more importance is given to Karnatak music and in Hubballi-Dharwad it is for Hindustani music. Hence, even Mysuru should encourage Hindustani music, she suggested.

A section of audience at JSS Music Festival in city last evening.

Gita Recitation Contest on Dec.9

Mysuru, Dec.3- As part of Gita Jayanti celebrations, city-based Srikantha Vidya Samsthe has organised Bhagavad Gita recitation competition for students on Dec. 9 at 10 am at its premises. The competition will be conducted for Lower Primary, Higher Primary and High School categories.

The participants have to recite slokas of 13th chapter of Bhagavad Gita on 'Kshetra Kshetragna Vibagayoga' with meaning, but it is not applicable to Lower Primary school students. Those participating in Lower Primary School category will have to recite Slokas 1 to 6; Slokas 7 to 13 for Higher Primary School and Slokas 14 to 20 for High School students.

Essay competition: Srikantha School will also conduct an essay competition on first ten Slokas of Srimad Valmiki Ramayana. The topic for high school students will 'Shraddatreyavibhagayoga.' Students must write this essay in two pages.

Singing competition

The same school has also organised singing competition on any one works of Purandaradasa or Kanakadasa. Each student can participate in at least four competitions.

Only students below 16 years can participate. **Interested may register their names before Dec.7.** For details contact the Head Master of the school on Shankara Mutt Road, 4th Cross, Khille Mohalla, Mysuru or Organisers on Mob: 98805-43135 or 97394-14323.

Awards presentation ceremony

Anagha Majoor Teekshna Manasvi Sahana Bhuvan Mayank Khushi
Abhay Ayush Pradyumna Keerthi Pramod Rutwik Anagha
Shankar Vijayalakshmi Prema Sudhakar Srikanth

Mysuru, Dec.3- The Mysuru Sahitya Mathu Samskrutika Prathishtana will confer 'Balashri', 'Yuvashri' and 'Sadhanashri' awards to achievers at a programme to take place at Ganabharathi, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, at 4 pm on Dec. 9.

Balashri award winners: Anagha Kiran, Majoor Achintya Puranik, H.R. Teekshna Bharuni, Manasvi, L. Sahana, S. Bhuvan Kumar, R. Mayank, J. Khushi, P. Abhay Krishna.

Yuvashri award winners: M.D. Ayush, M. Pradyumna Atreya, N. Keerthi, M.S. Pramod Sharma, Rutwik C. Raj, S. Anagha.

Sadhanashri award winners: J. Vijayalakshmi, G. Sudhakar, Prema Manjunath, Srikanth Poojari Biravu. Also writer Ballenahalli Shankar will be conferred 'Sahitya Sindhu' award on the occasion, according to a press release. For details, call Mob: 98863-41957 or 97419-71287.

Selected for State-level Bharatanatyam competition

Mysuru, Dec.3-**Moulya Venkatesh,** a disciple of Guru Vidushi Mithra Naveen of Nadavidyalaya Academy of Music and Dance, Hebbal, Mysuru, has won the 1st prize in the District-level classical Bharatanatyam competition organised by "Yuvajanotsava and Swami Vivekananda 125th Year of Chicago Speech Celebration" recently and has been selected for the State-level contest. She is the daughter of Dr. Venkatesh and Anitha Venkatesh.

Carol Singing contest: Venue changed

Mysuru, Dec.3- The venue of the 26th Carol Singing Competition-2018, organised by Carmel Catholic Association, N.R. Mohalla, which was scheduled to be held on Dec.9 at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, has been changed. Now, the contest will be held at Teresian College auditorium.

The competition will be held in 12 categories for different age groups irrespective of languages and religions from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm. Bishop of Mysuru Rev. Dr. K.A. William will be the chief guest.

The valedictory will be held at 6 pm. Dr. Aisha M. Shariff, former VC (in-Charge), University of Mysore (UoM), will be the chief guest.

K.G. Mathew, Principal, Excel Public School, Mysuru, will be the guest of honour. For details, contact Mob: 98452-46111 or 99017-51298.

Free health camp at Suyog Hospital

Star of Mysore ***Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy inaugurating free health check-up camp at Suyog Hospital in Ramakrishnanagar E&F Block here this morning, as Hospital Founder Dr. S.P. Yoganna, SJB and BGS Group of Institutions and Hospitals Managing Director Sri Prakashanatha Swamiji, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda and others look on.***

Mysuru, Dec. 3 (PM&DM)- An 18-day free OPD health check-up camp was inaugurated at Suyog Hospital in Ramakrishnanagar E&F Block here this morning. The camp will be open to public between 10 am and 8 pm on all days till Dec. 20.

Speaking after inaugurating the camp, *Star of Mysore* Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy said, "I went around the hospital today and found it huge and equipped with latest machines and equipment. The hospital has modern medical equipment and experienced doctors as consultants.

Noting that the responsibility of doctors is greater today, Ganapathy called upon the people to make good use of the free health check up camp.

MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda, in his address, said that doctors are often referred to as life savers and as such the responsibility of doctors is all the more great.

Mysuru Bar Association President S. Anand Kumar also spoke.

SJB and BGS Group of Institutions and Hospitals Managing Director Sri Prakashanatha Swamiji graced the occasion.

Hospital Medical Director Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Managing Director Dr. Suyog Yoganna, Directors Dr. Seema Yoganna, Dr. Yashita Raj and others were present.

Use Government schemes, GTD tells special children

Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda and MLA Tanveer Sait inaugurating 'International Day of Disabled Persons' at Dasara Exhibition Grounds in city this morning.

Mysuru, Dec.3 (MTY&NNN)- "The State Government is making all efforts to implement the various schemes meant for persons with disabilities and Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy himself has lot of care and concern for such people," said Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'International Day of Disabled Persons,' organised by the District Administration, ZP, Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Women and Child Welfare, Vikala Chetana Abhyudaya and other NGOs at P. Kalinga Rao Auditorium in Dasara Exhibition Grounds.

"The CM is working hard for the welfare of disabled persons and people should use all the government programmes meant for their benefit," he said.

MLA Tanveer Sait said, "I know a lot of sacrifice is made by the family in which a disabled person is born. My own niece was disabled and she lived for 40 years and passed away. What they require is self-belief and a lot of confidence," he said.

"There are 64,000 people with disabilities in Mysuru but there are only three government educational institutions to serve them and 23 NGOs rendering service. Hence, more such institutions have to be opened to cater to the special children," he said.

Senior Judge and Member of District Legal Service Authority C. G. Mohammad Muzeerulla said that the disabled persons are not in a position to fight for their rights and hence the ordinary people should also join them in the fight.

There are protests by the disabled persons as their rights have been curtailed, he added.

Additional Deputy Commissioner T. Yogesh, Women and Child Welfare Department Deputy Director K. Rekha and others were present.

Stage protest

Nearly 25 disabled persons on three-wheelers under the banner of Vikala Chetana Abhyudaya staged a protest by taking out a march from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple near the Mysore Palace to the Deputy Commissioner's Office and presented a memorandum urging for the fulfilment of their various demands.

Later, they entered the Dasara Exhibition Grounds and staged a protest even as Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda was addressing the gathering during International Day of Disabled Persons.

Their demands include, a separate colony to be earmarked for them by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority, the District Administration should sanction houses for them, implement the Rights of Persons with Disablities Act 2016, ask the Mysuru City Corporation to permit persons with disabilities to run petty shops by issuing them licences, open therapy and yoga kshema centres.

Convenor Dilip, President M. Prafulswamy, Secretary Asgar Pasha and others were present.

Pay-and-Park

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No private party came forward to accept the tender as the tender conditions laid down by the MCC were stringent and one of them was digital ticket vending machines had to be installed every 60 metres of D.D. Urs Road and Ashoka Road, sources said and added that the tender conditions were not feasible for private parties who make huge investment.

On the D.D. Urs Road, from the Shivarampet Junction to the JLB Road Junction, 900 two-wheelers and 220 four-wheelers can be parked. In case of Ashoka Road, from the Silver Jubilee Clock Tower (Dodda Gadiyara) till the Irwin Road (Nehru Circle), 400 two-wheelers and 150 four-wheelers can be parked.

Once the system is in place, for the first one hour of parking, one has to pay Rs. 10 for four-wheelers and pay Rs. 5 for every subsequent extra hour. For two-wheelers, it will be Rs. 5 for the first hour and Rs. 3 for every subsequent hour.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, B.R. Suresh, Superintending Engineer (Electrical) of MCC said that the pay-and-park facility will be introduced once the tender is called for the sixth time. "If there are no takers like the previous occasions, the MCC itself will take over the pay-and-park facility on Devaraja Urs Road and Ashoka Road," he said.

"Parking spaces in the Central Business District are being used by shopkeepers to park their vehicles, depriving tourists and shoppers of the facility. Over 90% of the cars parked on D.D. Urs Road every day belong to shopkeepers. As a result, surrounding roads get clogged with vehicles parked haphazardly," he said.

Even the Traffic Police have requested the MCC to introduce the pay-and-park system as it would act as an efficient way to prevent parked vehicle theft, Suresh added. The MCC has, however, decided only on introducing the payment system on Devaraja Urs Road and Ashoka Road and not Sayyaji Rao Road.

Water-logging

The MCC has been unable to reopen the multi-level car and two-wheeler parking on the Town Hall premises due to water-logging. Water has entered the basement and there is unbearable stench. "We will clear the water and seal the water entry points and then call for tenders for Town Hall parking," MCC officials said. The Town Hall parking facility that was thrown open for public during Dasara was stopped following complaints of fleecing of motorists by the parking contractor.

Public Libraries Dept.

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However, the local bodies including the MCC have not remitted most of the funds they have collected since years. Actually, the library cess is used by the Department for development of libraries, including building construction, clearing of vendors' dues, telephone bills and stationery costs. Due to this, the DPL is already starved of funds and most of the money received by the State Government in the budget allocation goes towards the staff salaries and miscellaneous expenditure.

"City libraries depend on money collected as library cess from property tax for expenditure on newspapers, periodicals, rent, furniture and even telephone bills. And the MCC has not paid the cess collected to the DPL. **Many letters and reminders have been sent to the MCC and the civic body has not cared to give us our share of money,"** Chief Librarian of City Central Library B. Manjunath who is also the Deputy Director, Department of Libraries, Mysuru told *Star of Mysore*.

Department officials say that the MCC has been keeping the money with them since years. **"Whenever we officially ask for the pending money, the MCC gives us just Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 60,000. It is, however silent on the Rs. 17 crore.** Even the State-level Library Department Directors and the State Chief Secretary have directed MCC to remit pending amount. Still, the MCC is sitting on our money," said library officials.

Not only the MCC, but other local bodies too have not remitted the library cess to the DPL. Eight local bodies in Mysuru have to pay Rs. 60 lakh and the 268 Gram Panchayats in the district have to pay Rs. 7 crore. Among them Nanjangud GP has to pay Rs. 10 lakh, Hunsur GP - Rs. 29 lakh.

"Even the City Libraries Authority has to pay lakhs of rupees to the Library Department and we actually do not have the record of the exact amount that is pending as the Authority has not submitted the information on Demand, Collection and Balance (DCB)," said officials.

Manjunath added that the Mayor is the Chairman of City Libraries Authority while the Deputy Commissioner is the Chairman of District Libraries Authority. **"A meeting will soon be called with the Mayor and the DC where the pending amount will be discussed," the Deputy Director said.**

Election literacy contests sensitise students on electoral process

Mysuru, Dec.3 (RKB&SR)- A taluk-level Election Literacy Competitions (ELCs) for PU College students, organised by Department of PU Education as per the orders from Election Commission of India (ECI), was held at Maharaja's PU College in city this morning.

ECI is conducting this competition at taluk, district, division and State-level across the country in different phases as part of the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme with main intention to sensitise youths on voting process.

In the first phase today, the taluk-level literacy competition was conducted in all the taluks of Mysuru and other districts. Over 36 PU students from various PU Colleges from across Mysuru taluk took part in the competition conducted on various aspects of Election process to make democracy vibrant in the nation.

Competitions like collage & posters preparation, essay writing and quiz written test were conducted for the students.

Topics for Essay Writing included the following: Voting is my constitutional right, voting is the first step for nation building, qualities expected from contesting candidates, structure and function of ECI, contributions of ECI to democracy, transparent and impartial conduct of elections and should NOTA be my choice. Participants were supposed to opt for any of the two topics.

Collage and posters preparation contest was conducted on the following themes: No voters to be left behind, informed and ethical voting and accessible elections.

DDPU inspects

Deputy Director of Pre-University Education (DDPU) Dayananda inspected the process of competitions held in city.

Speaking to press persons after inspection, he said that the best 12 students will be selected from every taluk in the district who will be taking part in the district-level competition.

ECI has given directions to all State Governments to constitute Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELCs) at all educational institutions to educate young voters on importance of voting. Census Data-2011 reveals that there are 30.52 crore children in the age-group of 6-17 years with 22.17 crore in rural and 8.34 crore in urban areas, of which 24.01 crore were enrolled in schools, with 17.14 crore in rural and 6.86 crore in urban schools. "The future voters constitute a sizeable part of India's democratic polity. Hence, the ECI has been holding such awareness programmes. Moreover, majority of the youths abstaining from voting process has worried ECI," he added.

District Nodal Officer Dr. Mangalamurthy, Maharaja's PU College Principal and Taluk Nodal Officer Siddaraju were present.

Ex-MP and actress Ramya vacates Mandya House

Ramya

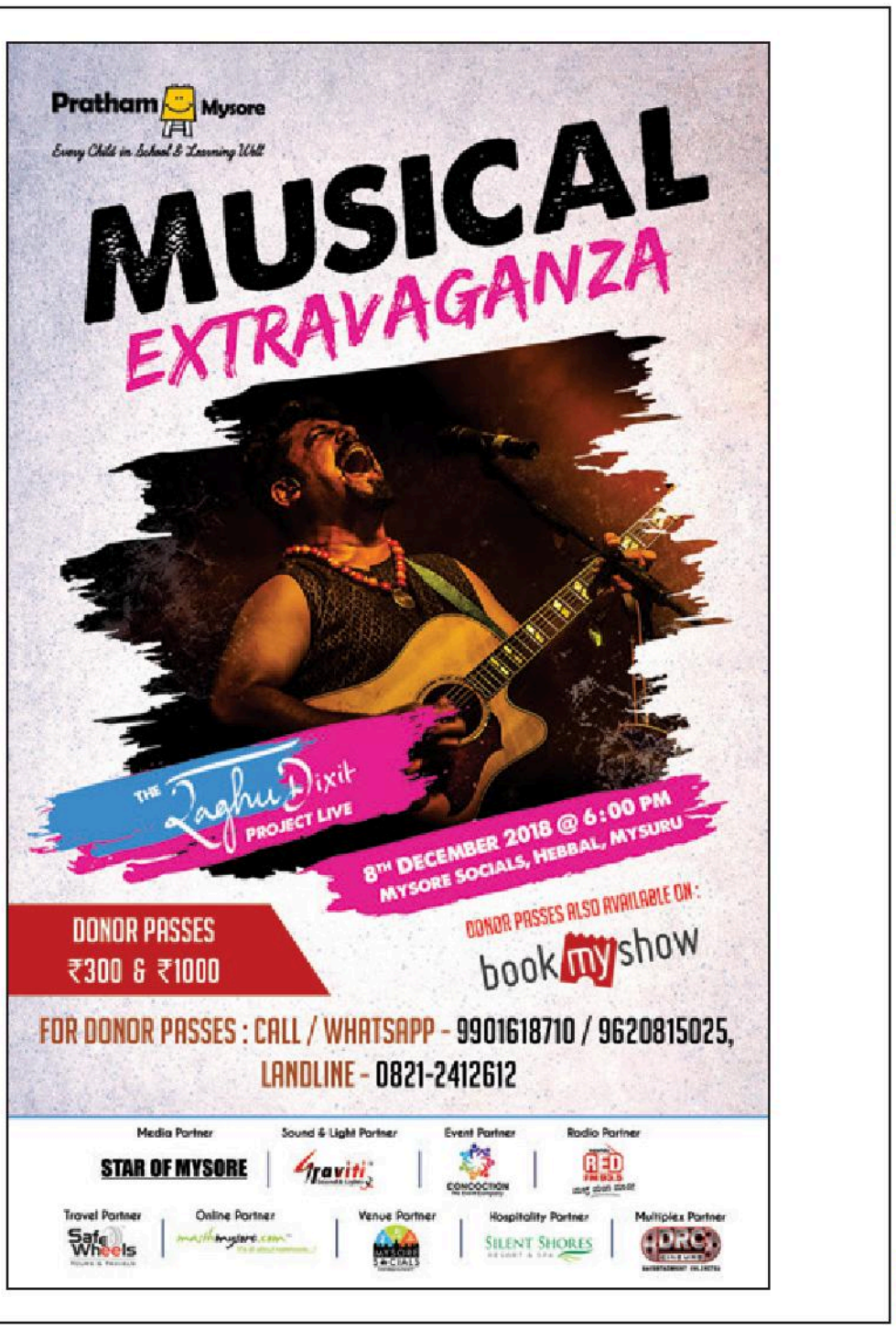
Mandya, Dec.3 (Nagaiah)- Under fire from actor Ambarish's fans for not having attended the last rites of the late actor on Nov. 24, actor and former MP Divya Spandana aka Ramya, reportedly vacated her rented house in Vidyanagar, Mandya last night.

Ramya, who also headed the Congress party's Social Media Cell at New Delhi until recently, was under fire from Ambarish's fans after she failed to turn up at Ambarish's funeral.

Ramya was also heavily trolled by Ambarish's fans, who accused her of audacity. Ramya, who won from Mandya Lok Sabha seat on a Congress ticket in the by-poll held in 2013, had rented a house in Mandya in order to stay connected with the electorate.

Guddali puja performed for park development in city

Corporator Mohammed Rafiq performing guddali puja for the development works of Mahadeshwara Park at Veeranagere coming under MCC Ward No.27 (earlier Ward 41) this morning. Others seen are MCC Assistant Commissioner Mahesh, Junior Engineer Rakesh, Srikantamurthy, G. Shankar, Swamy, Rehman Khan, Syed Hakim, Nawaz and residents of the locality. The development work is taken up at a cost of Rs.16 lakh from the 14th Financial Grant of MCC.



Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Power of Full Moon

Feng Shui, the ancient Oriental Art of Space Alignment, is very powerful in harmonising the flow of natural energies. The benefits of aligning the home in accordance with the laws of Feng Shui are immense and it works both at physical and at psychological levels.

As Feng Shui is all about harmony, positivity and abundance, negative impact of Feng Shui is strongest when the problems you are experiencing are caused by poor Feng Shui design and alignment and this calls for a proper analysis and corrective measure to be put in place at the earliest.

The free flow of energy is important for a living space and the wellness of the occupants. The energy often referred to in the science of Feng Shui as 'Chi' is the electromagnetic energy that transports information from an object to another. Chi is the one that flows in the body, transports the thoughts, beliefs and feelings.

Poor flow of energy causes sickness, marital discord, financial issues and affects the career growth too. Hence, the primary objective would be to have the home or office to permeate beneficial Chi and this calls for proper alignment of interior decor, furniture and design. The word Chi in Feng Shui applies to the energy inside the body, as well to the energy inside and outside the buildings.

For a dwelling to be vibrant and happy, the quality of Chi one would want to have to keep the home vibrant, alive and filled with fresh Chi is known as 'Sheng Chi' or Vibrant and 'Positive Chi.' Conversely, the Chi which is negative, harmful and which causes sluggishness is 'Sha Chi' and this type of Chi needs to be avoided both at home or office. 'Sha Chi' is the attacking Chi and causes lot of disturbances.

The overwhelming imbalance of energies has a strong influence on the occupants mind and health. Although the ill-effects can be countered through Feng Shui design, decor and alignment, the impact of such negative energies gets stronger during certain periods or seasons.

Full Moon is considered as an auspicious day and a day where the energy is strong, positive and energetic. Hence, further home and personal improvements can be carried out on this special day. Feng Shui corrections apart, the occupants also need to have the right frame of mind to receive the positive energies into their homes and their lives.

When the Full Moon pours down a tremendous amount of energy, being in a calm state of mind to receive a positive effect would be beneficial.

Remember that whatever is going on in your body, mind and spirit will be amplified at that time. Hence, this day can be used to counter negative flow of energies in the building and in the minds of the occupants.

To transform inner energies and that of the place of dwelling, one can try out the following simple steps:

• Think positive as the positive thoughts will be energised and multiplied.

• Focus and imagine your realistic goals and write them down.

• Avoid anger and arguments as the Full Moon is the time to stay calm, let go things and bottled up emotions.

• Send healing energy, forgiveness & love to friends, family and to all those with whom you have had a tough time.

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'Adarsha Awards' presented

'Adarsha Chaitanya Ratna' Awardees K.S. Nagaraj Bhagavathar and M.C. Shankaranarayana with guests.

Mysuru, Dec.3 (SPN&US)- Adarsha Seva Sangha, Mysuru, had organised a function at NIE Diamond Jubilee Sports Complex on Manandavadi Road here recently to confer 'Adarsha Award' on achievers from various fields and to present Pratibha Puraskar to meritorious students.

Speaking on the occasion, retired High Court Judge N. Kumar opined that today's youth should put in a lot of effort to face the competitive world. He expressed happiness that the awardees included centenarians. He commended women in entering and excelling in various sectors.

'Adarsha Chaitanya Ratna Award' was conferred on centenarians K.S. Nagaraj Bhagavathar of Mysuru and M.C. Shankaranarayana of H.D. Kote.

The organisers announced that the award would be conferred on centenarians Pt. Sudhakar Chaturvedi and G. Venkatasubbaiah of Bengaluru and Kamalamma Subba Rao of Mysuru at their houses shortly.

'Adarsha Seva Ratna Award' was conferred on S. Ramachandra, writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj, Vijaya Sindhuvalli, M.S.K. Narahari Babu, Dr. Anantha Nagendra Bhat, Dr. Pantangi Kamalakara Sharma, G. Raghothama and Nagalakshmi Ramachandra.

'Adarsha Pratibha Ratna Award' was conferred on Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar, Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Dr. Prakash Babu Rao, Dr. L. Vijay, Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi, R. Rakshita, G. Venkatachala, S. Kanchanasri and Yashwanth Kumar.

'Adarsha Yuva Pratibha Ratna award' was conferred on R. Anand Krishna, Dr. Y.S. Rohinisri, Gurudath, Maithri Iyer, V. Anagha, M. Medha, M. Manya, N. Samanvita, Kanchanasri, V. Ambika, Aditya P. Hatwar and Sriram D. Hemmige.

'Adarsha Bala Pratibha Ratna Award' was conferred on Abhay Krishna, Amulya R. Bhat, Ananya Bhat, Kavyasri Rao, Bharadwaj, B.K. Chirag, Vadiraj S. Athreya, V. Chandana, B.K. Sneha, H.J. Sadhana, V. Srivatsa and R. Kanchana.

Corporators M.V. Ramprasad, C. Ramesh, Gayatri Chandrashekar, K.G. Anand, Revati Muralidhar, Kaveramma Seshadri, C.S. Govind and others were felicitated on the occasion.

Retired MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. Geetha Avadhani, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha President K.N. Venkatanarayana, Vice-President R. Lakshmikanth, Sangha President G.R. Nagaraj, Secretary Ramakrishna and others were present during the programme.

'Rotary-Muktaka Sahitya Award' conferred on Sharanappa N. Metri

Sharanappa N. Metri, retired Technical Supervisor, BSNL, who was conferred with 'Rotary-Muktaka Sahitya Award' at a programme at Rotary Hall on JLB Road in city, is seen with his wife and other guests.

Mysuru, Dec.3 (YDS&US)- Rotary Mysore North and Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust had organised a function at Rotary Hall on JLB Road here on Friday to confer 'Rotary-Muktaka Sahitya Award' on Sharanappa N. Metri, retired Technical Supervisor, BSNL. The award was presented by Rotary Mysore North President M.K. Nanjaiah.

Inaugurating the programme, KSOU Kannada Professor Dr. Jyoti Shankar commended the organisers for identifying and honouring people who have worked for Kannada literature.

She said that Muktaka Sahitya was a great contribution to literature which explains important topics relevant to society in simple words.

Trust President S. Ramprasad, General Secretary M.B. Santosh, Cultural Sub-Committee Chairman N. Girigowda, Rotary Mysore North Secretary S.H. Jagadish, Community Service Director B.S. Shivarudrappa and others were present.

Nominated as Technical Committee Member of Asian Throwball Federation

N.S. Subramanya, who was felicitated by Asian Throwball Federation at a private hotel in Bengaluru, is seen with (from left) Bangladesh Throwball Federation President Aminul Laslam, International Throwball Federation Chief Secretary T. Ramanna, Throwball Federation of India Organising Secretary C.N. Govinda Raj, Asian Throwball Federation President A. Yasa Ramachandra (Sri Lanka) and Asian Throwball Federation Secretary S. Mani.

Mysuru, Nov.3- N.S. Subramanya, PE Director of Onkarmal Somani B.Ed College, Mysuru and Technical Committee Member of Throwball Federation of India, has been recently nominated as the Technical Committee Member of Asian Throwball Federation. He was selected at a higher-level meeting of the Asian Throwball Federation held in Bengaluru.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Throwball Federations of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand, Maldives, Nepal, UAE, Malaysia, Philippines and India. Subramanya, who represented India, was felicitated on the occasion after being nominated to the Technical Committee. Subramanya is the nephew of late film director G.V. Iyer of Nanjangud.

KSCA Mysuru Zonal League

Vishnu Priyan slams unbeaten double ton for MUCSC

Mysuru, Dec.3- A splendid unbeaten 200 n.o. (21x4, 5x6) by middle-order batsman Vishnu Priyan, enabled Mysore University Colleges Sports Council (MUCSC) to gain the vital first innings points in their drawn two-day First Division League tie played against Mysore Cricket Club at the JSS-SJCE Grounds here recently.

Batting first, Mysore CC were bowled out for 135 in 43.2 overs. Varun (48) was the top scorer. N. Shreyas (4 for 41) was the main wicket-taker for MUCSC. In reply, MUCSC scored 343 for eight declared in 84 overs. Vishnu Priyan (200 n.o.), Rohit Kumar (53), L. Hemanth Kumar (39) were amongst the run-scorers. M. Naveen and Ashok Kumar were the wicket-takers for MUCSC.

In the second innings, MCC scored 262 for 6 in 49 overs and the match ended in a draw. Varun (72 n.o., 15x4), Pranay (53), Shivaprasad (43), M. Naveen (32 n.o.) were the scorers. N.J. Gowtham took three for 78 for MUCSC. From the drawn encounter, MUCSC secured three points and MCC one.

Vishnu Priyan

SCORES

Mysore CC: 135 in 43.2 overs (Varun 48, Gourav 22, N. Shreyas 4 for 41, N.J. Gowtham 2 for 50, Harsha Kumar Naidu 2 for 31) & 262 for 6 in 49 overs (Varun 72 n.o., Pranay 53, Shiva Prasad 43, M. Naveen 32 n.o., N.J. Gowtham 3 for 78) drew with **MUCSC:** 343 for 8 decl. in 84 overs (Vishnu Priyan 200 n.o., Rohit Kumar 53, L. Hemanth Kumar 39, M. Naveen 3 for 116, M.V. Ashok Kumar 3 for 69).

Bronze winners at State-level Wrestling Championship

The students of Citizen Convent, Mysuru, have secured Bronze Medals in the State-level School Sports and Games Championship for Wrestling (2018-19) conducted by the Department of Public Instruction at Municipal Sports Complex in Kanakapura town, Ramanagaram. The medal winners — Mohammed Saif - 52 Kg Category (free style), Yaseen Ansari - 62 Kg Category (free style) and Shafath Ansari - 92Kg (Greco Roman Style) — are seen with Founder Secretary and Head Mistress Mahajabeen and Wrestling Coach Mohammed Fazal Ansari.

Mysore University men's TT team for Inter-Varsity Championship

The men's Table Tennis team of University of Mysore (UoM) which will be participating in the South Zone Inter-University Men's Table Tennis Championship (2018-19) to be held at Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, from Dec.3 to 5. Seen are** (standing from left) **Manoj, Chandrashekar and Sachin;** (sitting) **Dr. B.V. Ganesh (Coach), Dr. P. Krishnaiah (in-Charge Director, DPE, UoM), K.S. Bhaskar (Manager) and Swastik Nayak (Captain).

Winners of 19th Protec Cup-2018 District-level Basketball Tourney

Mysuru, Dec.3- Helped by inspiring play by Nandan (24 points), All Stars BC scored a facile 57-53 win over Aryans BC and clinched the men's title in the 19th Protec Cup 2018 District-level Basketball Tourney, conducted by Protec Association, at the University Basketball courts here recently.

Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru, won the degree boys title beating MICA 74-71 in the final. **MICA, Mysuru,** won the PU College boys title beating Marimallappa PU College 39-18 in the final. **Vijaya Vittalla PU College** girls won the PU College girls title beating Marimallappa's PU College 18-5 in the final.

The prizes to the winners were given away by K.S. Satish, President, Protec Association, Om Prakash, retd. basketball coach, SAI, C.K.Muralidharan, freelance sports journalist, Gururaj, athlete, SWR, Mysuru and Dinesh, Treasurer, MDBBA.

Brijesh Patel, President, Protec Challengers, Sethuram, Hon. Secretary, Protec Association, were the others present on the occasion.

RESULTS - FINALS

Men: All Stars BC 57 (Nandan 24) bt Aryans BC 53 (Kshithij 13).

Degree College Boys: VVCE 74 (Sagar Suresh 31) bt MICA 71 (Kshithij 37).

PU College Boys: MICA 39 (Dhawan S. Bjoja 20) bt Marimallappa PU 18 (Abhirup 12).

HS Boys: St. Joseph's HS, Yelwal 61 (Prateek 30) bt DAV HS 45 (B.G. Dhanush 18).

HPS Boys: Pushkarni HPS 25 (Lohith 21) bt Ideal Jawa Rotary HPS 20 (Karthik 9).

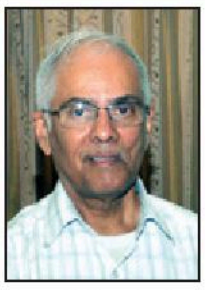
PU Girls: Vijaya Vittala PU College 18 (Sonal 8) bt Marimallappa's PU College 5 (D. Harshitha 3).

HS Girls: Pushkarni HS 28 (Prachi 11) bt DAV HS 7 (Kushi 2).

HPS Girls: Pushkarni HPS 27 (Shagun 10) bt Ideal Jawa Rotary HPS 15 (Harshini 11).

Upcoming players — Degree Boys: G. Darshan; **PU Boys:** Dhawan S. Bhoja (MICA); **HS Boys:** B.G. Dhanush (DAV HS); **HPS Boys:** Karthik (IJRS); **PU Girls:** D. Harshini (Marimallappa PU); **HS Girls:** Prachi (Pushkarni HS); **HPS Girls:** P. Harshini (Rotary Ideal Jawa HPS).

Time to develop a digitised Property Tax system is NOW



By Bhamy V. Shenoy

The most important task for any civic body like Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is to collect a maximum amount of Property Tax. Without adequate funding, MCC cannot fulfil its civic responsibilities of providing clean water, keeping city garbage-free, maintaining parks, ensuring safe roads, etc. As can be seen in the graph below, the MCC has failed spectacularly when the actual taxes collected during the last five years between 2012-13 and 2016-17 are compared against the potential of at least Rs. 450 crore. This potential is based on average benchmark for developed world.

In 2017-18 Budget the proposed target for Property Tax was Rs. 175 crore (including cess) and the actual amount collected was about Rs.110 crore based on an estimate provided at the time of the Budget. For 2018-19, a more realistic target of Rs. 122 crore has been set. However during the Budget deliberation, no one questioned why such a low target has been set when the potential is Rs. 450 crore and the target earlier was Rs. 175 crore.

MAJOR REVENUE CONTRIBUTOR

Property Tax is a major revenue contributor for any city and it could be as high as 50% of total revenues. When the MCC budget revenue is Rs. 712 crore for 2018-19, Property Tax target should have been Rs. 356 crore. The current goal of Rs. 122 crore is less than 18%. This clearly shows the serious problem the MCC faces. But the tragedy is that it has attracted no attention over the years though much has been written about all aspects of Property Tax system.

With less than four months left for the new Budget year, it is high time we the citizens put pressure on MCC to take some corrective steps to streamline the property tax collection for 2019-2020.

Issues raised in the past by **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)** regarding Property Tax are: Need for digitisation of tax records, online tax computation and payment, tax payer-friendly and knowledgeable MCC staff, clarification of byzantine tax rules, irrational way of assessing tax, failure to identify defaulters and lack of formal system to detect wrong computation of taxes. There has been little or no progress on any of these problems.

DIGITISATION REMAINS A DREAM

MGP has been advocating the application of computers for Mysuru's Property Tax system since 1989 with no success. MGP used to urge every new Commissioner to computerise Property Tax system. With the exception of a few Commissioners, everyone used to agree that it is a great idea and they would implement it. Still computerisation has remained a dream for Mysuru despite having world-class software companies at its doorstep. If MCC approaches Infosys, they may offer to develop the system free of cost as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.

Way back in 2008, when P. Manivannan was the MCC Commissioner, there was online calculator available to compute taxes. Later during the time of Raikar (in 2010) we were promised that "with a click of the mouse we could pay taxes from any part of the world". With the help of Geographical Information System, MCC identified 2.04 lakh properties and digitised them.

Before that the MCC had previous records of only 1.4 lakh properties and of that a significant number were not paying taxes. All these efforts did not result in any improvement. How fair is it to those who have been paying their share of taxes waiting for hours in line when there are thousands who do not pay taxes and go unpunished?

MANY LOOPHOLES

The way current tax laws are drafted, land holdings in urban areas can get away with low or no taxes. A house owner in a small plot will pay the same tax as one on larger land for a house of the same size if vacant land does not exceed three times the plinth area. This is because vacant land around the house is not taxed.

One more irrationality is that the tax amount is revised every three years and that too not more than by 15% usually. As a result, a house which was recently built will end up paying far higher taxes than say a comparable house (having the same or higher market value) built 10 years ago.

COMPLEX AND ARCHAIC LAWS

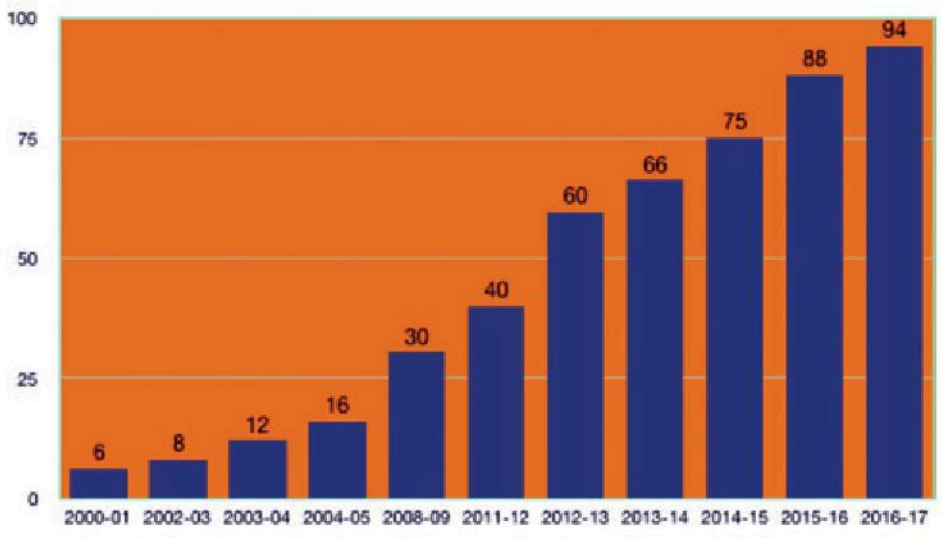
Laws seem to be so complex that municipal tax authorities give different interpretations. Despite SAS being adopted way back in 2003, tax authorities were not sure till this year what amount of penalty to collect from those who violate building bylaws.

For example, in Mysuru, just till last year, penalty collected was just equal to the actual tax while in fact, it should have been twice the actual tax. Apartment owners had another rude shock. Some were asked to pay for vacant land surrounding the building on a pro-rata basis while some were asked to pay only for the covered land.

CITIZEN MOVEMENT

We Mysureans must immediately start a movement "Digitisation of Property Tax System" to put pressure on elected leaders and MCC bureaucrats to streamline the entire Property Tax system inherited from the British Raj. When residents in Bengaluru can pay their taxes online why can't we?

MCC should set up a high-level committee comprising competent Corporators, revenue officers with expertise and leading auditors of the city to look into the archaic tax system to computerise and collect tax online and also to have a world-class management system to identify defaulters to take timely action. If we want to have an online payment system starting 2019, time to develop a digitised tax system is NOW.



Graph showing collection of Property Tax from 2000 to 2017 (in crores).

Brahmin Convention on Dec. 15 & 16

Entries invited for various contests

Mysuru, Dec.3 (SR) - As part of the Mega Brahmin Convention scheduled to be held on Dec. 15 and 16 at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama on Nanjangud Road here, the Mysuru City and District Brahmin Association has organised a **fancy dress** competition for children below 12 years on Dec.9 at 11 am.

The competition will be conducted for under 4 - 8 years and 8 -12 years old children at *Vajranakha,* 2870, First Main Road, 3rd Cross, behind Vidyaranya Hospital, Chamundipuram, Mysuru-4. Interested may contact Mob: 94480-48603 or 93421-25058 or 63638-69292, according to a press release.

Rangoli for women

The Brahmin Association is also conducting Rangoli competition for women on the same day at the same premises from 8 am to 10 am. For details contact, Mob: 98807-89883 or 94497-99225.

Painting contest

The Association has also organised painting /drawing contest for children below 12 years on Dec. 9 from 2 pm to 4 pm at Snake Park, Vidyaranyapuram, Fourth Main, Chamundipuram in city. Pencil and paper to be provided by the organisers, while the participants should bring brush and colours along with them. For details contact Mob: 94480-48603, according to a press release.

Publicity bike rally held

As a prelude to the State-level Brahmins Conference, hundreds of members of the Mysuru City and District Brahmin Association took out a publicity bike rally in city yesterday.

The rally commenced at Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy temple in Vijayanagar and passed via Parakala Mutt, Shankar Mutt, Rama Mandira and other places of worship before reaching Ganapathy Ashrama.

District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev, former MUDA Chairman K.R. Mohankumar, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Sangha President D.T. Prakash, Members Vikram Iyengar, Ajay Shastri, Ganeshprasad, writer D.N. Krishnamurthy and others were present.

'Mysore Varsity Administration wing,
Academic activities to be digitalised soon'

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar being felicitated by Karnataka State Computer Science Teachers Association and University of Mysore Computer Science Department at the Maulya Mapana Bhavan on Bogadi Road in city recently as JSS Science and Technology University Vice-Chancellor Prof. B.G. Sangameshwar and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec.3 (SPN&NNN)- The Administration wing of University of Mysore (UoM) and the academic activities in Manasagangothri will be digitalised in stages using new technology, said Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, the newly-appointed Vice-Chancellor of UoM.

He was speaking at the felicitation function organised by the Karnataka State Computer Science Teachers Association and University of Mysore Computer Science Department at the Maulya Mapana Bhavan on Bogadi Road here recently and said that in the highly competitive world today, one should move with the times.

The University is making all efforts to take a step in this direction and in the next two years, both the administrative wing and the academic activities will be digitalised to maintain the quality. Both the Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister have assured to join hands in this regard, he said and added that all the necessary equipment and preparations were already in place.

Going nostalgic, Prof. Kumar said that he had joined the Computer Science Department as a temporary lecturer in 1986 and from those days, as he had interest in teaching, he continued in the temporary post for ten long years and only then his post became permanent.

Earlier, there were just a few students who could be counted on finger tips when the Department started functioning and even though it was a Computer Science Department, it did not have even a single computer. Later, lot of people worked hard for the development of the Department, he said.

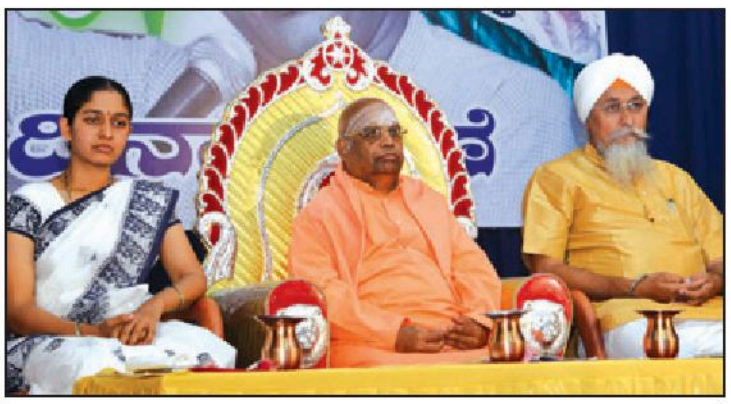
He had served in the University since the last 30 years and worked with many Vice-Chancellors in different assignments. Hence, he knew the pros and cons of the University. In order to solve problems, he would interact with the Professors in various Departments and see that the hundred-year-old University reaches the top position that it was known for earlier, said Prof. Kumar.

Later, JSS Science and Technology University Vice-Chancellor Prof. B.G. Sangameshwar said that his association with the new VC Prof. Hemantha Kumar was a very old one.

"I have been working in the Computer Science Department of SJCE since the last 40 years and when the CS Department was started in UoM, I was also a visiting faculty. At that time, Hemantha Kumar was the first batch student and he used to take responsibilities of the Department even then," recalled Prof. Sangemeshwar.

Computer Science Department Professor D.S. Guru, College Development Council (CDC) Director Dr. S. Srikantaswamy, Prof. K. Siddaraju and others were present during the felicitation ceremony.

'Swadeshi Andolana should penetrate rural areas'
Says Sri Parashivamurthy Swamiji at Swadeshi Day celebration



Mysuru, Dec.3 (MTY&US)- Marking Swadeshi Day, Azadi Bachao Andolana Samiti had organised a function at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road here on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, Sri Parashivamurthy Swamiji of Bandanapura Mahantesh Mutt opined that the Andolana should enter rural areas to create awareness on Swadeshi products. He said that awareness on foreign products was negligible among rural people which is an advantage.

Amrutavarshini Umesh, a teacher of Maitreyi Gurukulam, Puttur, pointed out that students today were getting attracted to foreign education. She contended that the education system in India was improper and added that the 'Gurukula' system was going extinct.

She regretted that crime rate was increasing which was detrimental to society. She opined that good and close-knit families contribute to a healthy society.

RUDSETI Trainer Sudhamani explained the facts of Swadeshi products. Resource persons D.K. Hari and D.K. Hema Hari spoke on 'Indian civilisation.' Samiti Members Hiralal Sharma and Jasveer Singh were present.

S. Ramanathan Memorial 3rd Inter-High School Debate contest
Sri Sharada Public School and Vijaya Vittala bag Rolling Trophy

Mysuru, Dec.3 (KS)- As part of Founder's Day, S. Ramanathan Memorial 3rd Inter-High School English and Kannada Debate Competitions were organised at Sri Sharada Public School in city recently. Prof. K.V. Satyan, Director, Hari Vidyalaya, who was the chief guest, inaugurated the debate competition and addressed the gathering.

The winners of the English Debate competition are as follows: N. Advith of Sri Sharada Public School - 1st place with a cash prize of Rs.5,000; Shaiz of Delhi Public School - 2nd place (Rs.3,000) and Amulya R. Bhat of Amrita Vidyalayam - 3rd place (Rs.2,000). Sri Sharada Public School bagged the Rolling Trophy.

Winners of the Kannada Debate competition are: Varsha Bhat of Manasarovara Pushkarini Vidyashrama - 1st place with a cash prize of Rs.5,000; M. Deepika of Sri Sharada Public School - 2nd place (Rs.3,000) and Prajwal Prasad of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala - 3rd place (Rs.2,000). Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala won the Rolling Trophy.

R. Manjunath Srivatsa, Secretary of Sri Sharada Public School, Kusuma Ramanathan, Treasurer, Prof. Sudhakar James, Lecturer, Jagadeesha, Honnashetty Kodibelagola, S. Swaroopa, Head Mistress of VVSNPHS, M. Gururaja, Administrator, K.P. Seema, Principal and others were present on the occasion.

Yuva Brigade cleans area around Triveni Sangama in T. N. Pur

T. Narasipur, Dec.3 (SK&US)- Members of Yuva Brigade undertook the cleaning of the 'Sopana Katte' behind Sri Agastheswara Swamy Temple and in front of Vyasaraja Mutt at Triveni Sangama here recently.

About 50 members from Mysuru, Nanjangud and T. Narasipur commenced the cleaning operations at 6.30 am and removed the plastic waste and cloth pieces thrown in the river. They later cleared the mud on the 'Sopana Katte' and washed it thoroughly.

Speaking on the occasion, Yuva Brigade Taluk Convener R. Ramanujam said that the Brigade was on a mission to clean River Cauvery right from its origin in Kodagu and down the stream.

Mysuru Wing Convener Chandrashekar opined that River Cauvery was invaluable and advised people not to throw trash to the river. He appealed the citizens to cooperate in the river-cleaning mission. Yuva Brigade Members Girish, Sunil, Prashanth, Mahendra, Sharat, Shankar, Chetan, Mahadevaswamy, Vishwanath, Gangadhar and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Impromptu

Pronunciation: Im-PROMP-too.

Meaning: Made, done or composed or uttered without previous preparation.
Origin: If you think that impromptu looks like a relative of the adjective prompt, you're right; both are ultimately derived from the Latin promere, meaning "to bring forth, take out." Impromptu was borrowed from French, where it meant "extemporaneously," but French speakers picked it up from the Latin phrase in promptu, a promere descendant meaning "in readiness" or "at hand." Something that is impromptu is generally "prompted" (that English verb is from Latin promptus, of the same meaning) by an occasion that generates a response in the form of, for example, a party or a speech that has not been planned. There is also another, much rarer descendant of promere in English: the noun promptuary, meaning "a book of ready reference."
Example: Because Jane had an impromptu wedding, she didn't send out invitations.

THE ODD WORD

Incrassate

Thickened in form or consistency.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

I could eat a horse!

Meaning: To be extremely hungry.
Origin: It has been used since the 19th century. It is easy to imagine that it stems from the fact that a horse is a very large animal. Even though it is not something that you would choose to eat, you might be forced to if you are desperate enough.
The earliest example of the idiom being used is from 1824. It appeared in "The miscellaneous works of Tobias Smollett by Tobias George Smollett."
Example: Is there anything in the fridge that I can eat? I am so hungry that I could eat a horse.

QUOTE BOX

Courage is grace under pressure. **—Ernest Hemingway.**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

PumPkInPIe

Answer: Piece (Ps) of pumpkin pie.

SUDOKU

2	7			5			1	
	3				7			
8			9					
9		7				2	8	1
1	5	4				9		3
					6			9
			3				4	
	8			1			3	2

Answer to previous puzzle

4	1	8	2	3	7	6	5	9
2	6	3	1	9	5	8	7	4
7	5	9	4	6	8	2	3	1
1	7	6	5	2	3	4	9	8
5	3	4	9	8	6	7	1	2
9	8	2	7	1	4	5	6	3
8	9	1	6	5	2	3	4	7
6	2	7	3	4	1	9	8	5
3	4	5	8	7	9	1	2	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ___ for : chooses as an alternative?
5 Tenth std. exams
8 Mimic; one who copies slavishly?
12 The Karate sticks?
14 Search for extraterrestrial intelligence, acronym?
15 Bone inflammation
16 Metal or golfer's club
17 Compass point
18 Clocking
20 Acting or completed in short time
23 Trademark symbol
24 Bric-a-__ : Miscellaneous curios
25 Russian tea-urn
28 International Cricket Council, in short
29 Neatness; command
30 J&K district
32 More cheerful or pleased
34 Alpha's follower?
35 Gujarat's ___ of Kutch
36 Assail or attack
37 ___ Lansbury: famous actress?
40 Beetle - "rod" anagram?
41 Indonesian island
42 Take it up and accept the challenge?
47 Part of QED
48 Shakti Samanta's super hit
49 Shipshape or meticulous
50 Unit of reluctance in electricity
51 Top of triangle

DOWN

1 Yoko ___ : wife of John Lennon, the Beatle?
2 Septic discharge from wounds etc.
3 Explosive chemical Trinitrotoluene in short
4 Such a route has nice views?
5 Satisfy one's appetite by surfeit of food
6 Glide over snow
7 Buyer; patron
8 Foundation author Isaac ___
9 Persian fairy
10 Famous school
11 Piece of jewellery
13 Another name for our beloved country?
19 "O, rig" anagram for a prince from literature?
20 Rsrv. Bk. of India
21 Main or principal as a prefix?
22 Rodent - "a cap" crumpled?
23 Heavily burdened
25 J&K's capital
26 Frothy drinks
27 Anatomical network
29 Jewel-stone
31 A head covering
33 Ms Zinta of Bollywood
34 "Herbat" changed for the lady?
36 A binding agreement
37 Encourage and support in an offence or an offender
38 ___ Contractor : ex-India cricket captain?
39 Well-pleased
40 Twofold
43 To be - a change of "era"?
44 Fold or wind around something
45 Wind tee dir.
46 Be a burden or strain on?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	T	C	R	B	S	■	B	L	O	C	K	S
B	■	O	T	I	C	■	L	A	B	■	■	T
O	■	N	A	G	A	S	A	K	I	■	■	R
M	S	S	■	B	R	U	S	H	■	G	O	A
B	U	T	T	■	E	N	T	■	M	A	N	Y
S	E	R	I	E	S	■	S	M	E	L	T	S
■	■	A	P	T	■	■	■	R	E	V	■	■
P	R	I	S	O	N	■	S	I	T	A	R	S
S	O	N	Y	■	E	R	N	■	S	N	A	P
E	D	T	■	A	G	L	O	W	■	I	S	A
U	■	■	D	R	A	G	O	O	N	S	■	R
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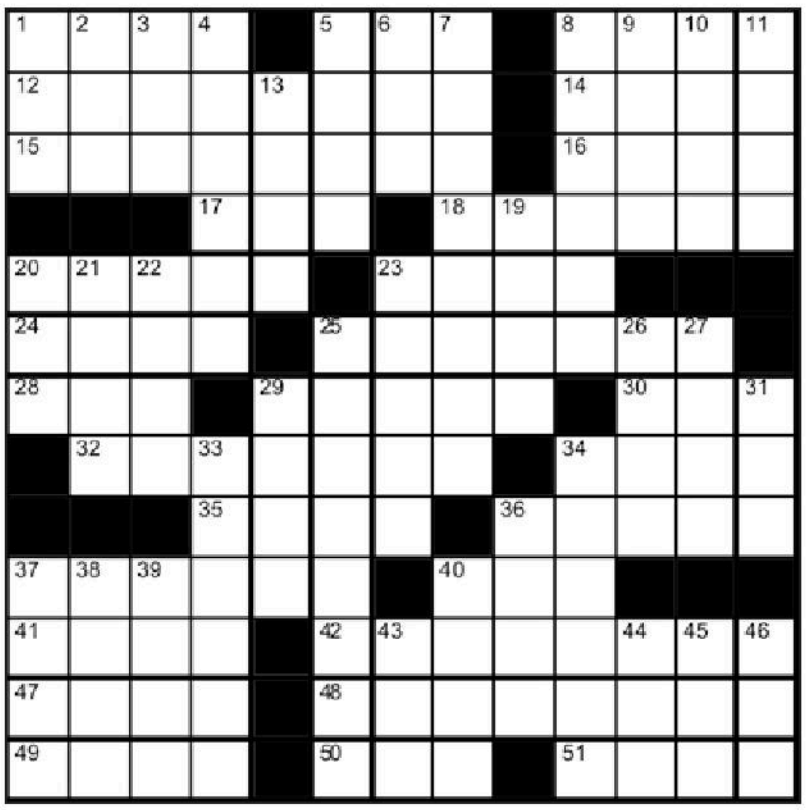

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GLP LJUG UENK LJRK - ZPO EA GLP HLTF EO

TECMO, LJRK ED KJLPCM

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Winning may not be everything, but losing has little to recommend it

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Ambi Ning Vayassaytho	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Sarkari. Hi. Pra. Shale	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Victory 2	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
The Villian	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Looty	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Apple Cake	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Gaanchali	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Nagarahavu	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
HINDI			
2.0	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Savyasachi	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Amar Akbar Anthony	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TAMIL			
2.0 (3D)	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
2.0 (2D)	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
---	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

Looty (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Victory 2 (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am
2.0 (3D-Ta)	(S-1)	4 pm, 6.55, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
2.0 (2D-Ta)	(S-2)	7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Badhaai Ho (H)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Taxiwala (Te)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Sarkari. Hi. Pra. Shale	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Gaanchali (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Sarkar (Ta)	(S-3)	4.00 pm

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2.0 (3D-Ta)	(S-1)	9.35 pm, 12.40 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
2.0 (2D-Ta)	(S-2)	8.35 am, 11.40 am, 2.45 pm, 5.50 pm, 8.55 pm
	(S-3)	9.05 am, 12.10 pm, 6.20 pm
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 8.30 pm
2.0 (2D-H)	(S-3)	3.15 pm
Taxiwala (Te)	(S-3)	9.25 pm
Looty (K)	(S-4)	12.55 pm
Gaanchali (K)	(S-4)	3.25 pm
Ambi Ning Vayassaytho (K)	(S-4)	5.50 pm

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2.0 (Ta)	8.00 am, 8.30 am 10:30 AM 11.15 am, 2.30 pm, 3.00 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.00 pm, 9.30 pm
2.0 (3D-Ta)	9.00 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
2.0 (Te)	11.45 am
2.0 (H)	6.15 pm
Looty (K)	1.40 pm
Taxiwaala (Te)	4.20 pm, 10.00 pm
Gaanchali (K)	7.30 pm

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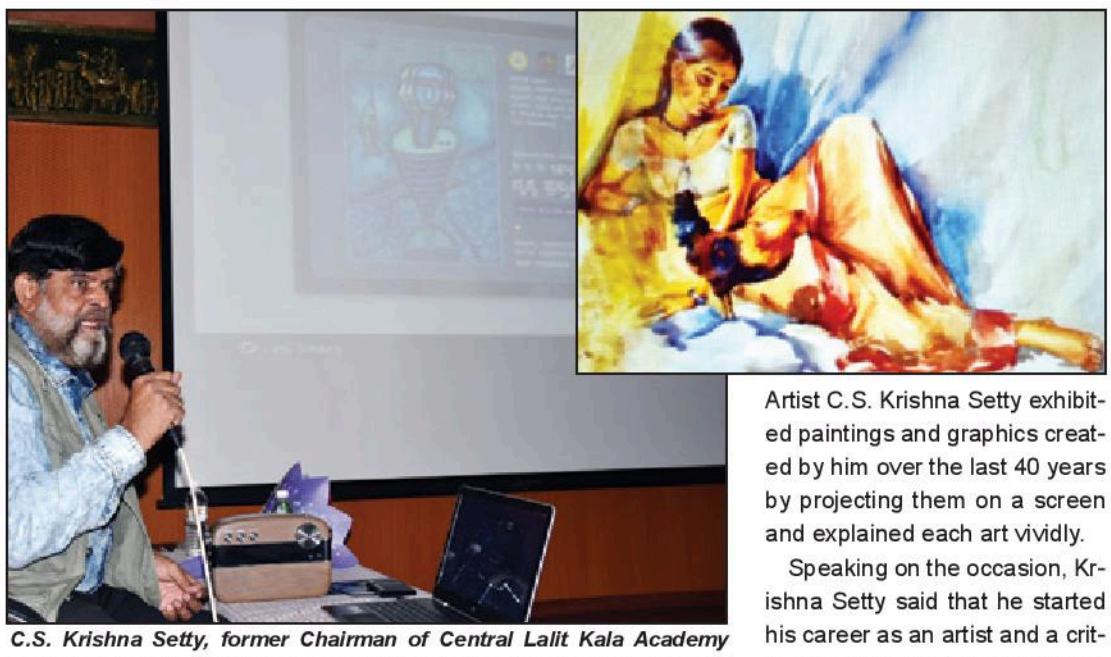
A unique show of paintings projected on screen



C.S. Krishna Setty, former Chairman of Central Lalit Kala Academy and senior artist, explaining one of his painting through projection on a screen at the Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums premises at Dasara Exhibition Grounds in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Dec.3 (MTY&US)-Marking World Heritage Week, Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums, Department of Kannada and Culture, Ravivarma School of Arts and Sri Kalaniketana School of Arts had jointly organised a painting exhibition at the Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums premises at Dasara Exhibition Grounds here yesterday.

Former Chairman of Central Lalit Kala Academy and Senior Artist C.S. Krishna Setty exhibited paintings and graphics created by him over the last 40 years by projecting them on a screen and explained each art vividly.

Seen are** (from left) **former CAVA Deans V.A. Deshpande and Ramdas Adyantaya, Bharani Art Gallery Founder N.B. Kaverappa, senior photographer P.R. Thippeswamy and former CAVA Dean Basavaraj S. Musavalagi, among the audience.

Speaking on the occasion, Krishna Setty said that he started his career as an artist and a critic. He recalled that he was acclaimed as a good administrator while heading the Fine Arts Academy of the State and Centre but asserted that he never stopped painting throughout his career.

Continuing, Krishna Setty observed that a few artists have a clear-cut imagination before painting an art while a few others get the imagination and inspiration standing in front of the canvas. He suggested artists to imagine the background of the art and sketch it on the canvas to make the art more appealing.

He contended that every painting should be viewed and understood in a broader spectrum so that every art will speak volumes on a subject or just a silent depiction of a solemn theme.

Over 500 paintings were projected on the screen on various themes.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.3)

JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust, Mysuru: 25th JSS Sangeetha Sammelana, Flute recital by Keshav Chandra, M. Keshav (Violin) and Nandan Kashyap (Mridanga), **5 pm;** Vocal concert by Vid. Abhishek Raghuram, Vid. Avanishwaram Vinu (Violin), Vid. Arjun Kumar (Mrudanga) and Vid. Guru Prasanna (Kanjira), Navajyothi auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Vijayanagar 1st Stage Residents Welfare Association: 63rd Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, district level Rajyotsava Kavigoshti and 'Kannada Belagu' Musical Evening, Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, District Sahitya Bahavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**

Joyalukkas Jewellery, Mysuru: International Day of People with Disability, felicitation to the winners of Wheel Chair Cricket Tournament-2018, Branch premises, B.N. Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Nanneshwaraswamy Kalyani and Hinkal Grama Abhivruddhi Samiti: Inauguration of the newly-registered Samiti, Sugama Sangeetha by Gururaj and troupe, **4.30 pm;** District Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates the Samiti, MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S.A. Ramdas and Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, former Minister H.V. Vijaya Shankar, former MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar and others chief guests, **5 pm;** Kalyani Deepotsava, Temple premises, Hinkal village, Kasaba hobli, **6 pm.**

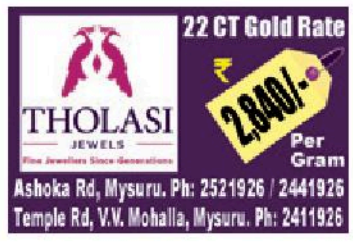
Kiran Creations, Mysuru: Launch of Muthammana Kanasu' audio and trailer, Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce President Chinne Gowda, Standing Committee's B.M. Harish, MP Pratap Simha, Minister G.T. Devegowda, MLA L. Nagendra, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Dy. Mayor Shafi Ahmed, social worker H.V. Rajeev and others chief guests, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

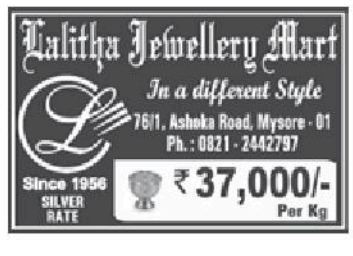
EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.4)

JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust, Mysuru: 25th JSS Sangeetha Sammelana, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Vidwat Goshti on Dikshitar's compositions by Dr. K. Vageesh; 'Adhunika Pallavigala Vaividya' by Dr. Hamsini Nagendra. Setting tunes to Annamacharya Songs – Experiences with Sangeetha Kalanidi Vid. Nedunuri Krishna Murthy by Malladi Brothers; Dr. S. Vijayaraghavan - moderator, **10 am;** Veena by Yuko Mathoba (Japan), Vikram Bharadwaj on Mridanga, **5 pm;** Vocal duet by Vid. Malladi Ramprasad and Vid. Malladi Ravi Kumar, Vid. Mathur Srinidhi (violin), Vid. Muruga Bhupati (Mridanga) and Vid. Sunad Anur (Kanjira), Navajyothi auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm.**

Mysuru Branch of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram: Swati Puja, Mahasudarshana Sankalpa Homa and special abhisheka, **7.30 am;** Special decoration, **12.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati, **1 pm;** Prakarotsava, **7.30 pm;** Distribution of prasadam, **8 pm.**

Savita Keshalankarigala Sangha, Mysuru: 25th anniversary, Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, District Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, former MP C.H. Vijayashankar presides, journalist Mahesh Kumar main speaker, Jaganmohan Palace, **4 pm.**





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